

**REMARKS**

The above amendments are made to insert a cross reference to the PCT application upon which the instant U.S. national phase is based, to add an Abstract of the Disclosure and to eliminate multiple dependencies in the claims, as well as correct a typographical error appearing in claim 6.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

This invention relates to a method and an apparatus for controlling the speed and/or direction of movement (A, B) of a screw discharger (1, 11, 101, 201). According to the invention, the bending load on the screw (2, 12, 102, 202) of the screw discharger is measured by means of one or more transducers (112, 212) which generate a loading signal on the basis of which the drive system (110, 210) controlling the speed and/or direction of movement (A, B) of the screw discharger (1, 11, 101, 201) is controlled.